

DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant(s)

1. This application has been examined. Claims 1-22 are pending.

The prior art submitted on 6/9/06, 8/14/07, 10/11/07, and 1/14/08 have been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-22, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2002-036919 (refers as '919).

As per claims 1, and 12, ('919) discloses a vehicle integrated control system comprising: a plurality of control units controlling a running state of a vehicle based on a manipulation request (see the abstract; and [0052-0059]); and a processing unit generating information to be used at said control unit and providing the generated information to each said control (see claims 8-15; and [0052-0059]); wherein processing unit includes a determination unit and means for determining driver's intention to avoid torque fluctuation involved with at least one of sudden deceleration/acceleration and speed change (see [0030-0031]; [0071-0077]; and [0110-0114]), and a calculation unit, and means for calculating information related to a control target to manipulate an actuator set in correspondence with each said control unit control target being in accordance with an expected value of a driver based on determined driver's intention based on environmental information around said vehicle and manipulation request, and calculating

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information for allotting a driving force and a braking force in control unit based on information related to calculated control target (see [0032-0041]; [0045-0051]; [0060-0066]; [0078-0087]; [0096-0109]; and [0115-0120]).

As per claims 2, and 13, ('919) discloses calculation unit, and means for calculating information with priority being placed on a time for attaining said control target (see [0006-0007], [0078-0087], and [0107-0109]).

As per claims 3, and 14, ('919) discloses calculation unit, and means for calculating information with priority being placed on drivability (see [0134-0142]).

As per claims 4, and 15, ('919) discloses calculation unit calculates, and means for calculating information with priority being placed on energy efficiency of vehicle (see [0121-0122]).

As per claims 5-6, and 16-17, ('919) discloses wherein environmental information represents information on surroundings of the vehicle at present, and environmental information represents information on surroundings of the vehicle in future (see [0045-0047], and [0107-0109]).

As per claims 7, and 18, ('919) discloses environmental information represents information on an acceleration/deceleration state of vehicle (see [0069-0070]).

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As per claims 8-9, and 19-20, ('919) discloses environmental information represents information sensed by a navigation device, and environmental information represents information sensed by a radar device (see claim 16; and [0045-0047]).

As per claims 10-11, and 21-22, ('919) discloses manipulation request is obtained by sensing an operated amount as to an accelerator manipulation and a brake manipulation by a driver, and manipulation request is obtained by sensing an operated amount as to an accelerator manipulation, a brake manipulation, and a transmission manipulation by a driver (see [0032-0042]).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dalena Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-6968. The examiner can normally be reached on M-W (in a first week of a bi-week), and T-R (in a second week of bi-week) from 7:00AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Khoi H. Tran can be reached on 571-272-6919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Dalena Tran/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3664

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